

App. No. 10/656,024
Amdt. Dated August 10, 2005
Reply to Office Action of June 6, 2005
Atty. Dkt. No. 7719-115

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This reply is responsive to an Office Action dated June 6, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the present application including presently pending claims 2, 3, and 6-10 be passed to issue.

Present Status of the Patent Application

Claims 2, 3, and 6-10 remain pending in the present application. Claims 2, 3, and 6-10 have been allowed. Claims 11-13 have been canceled without prejudice.

Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to correct the spelling of the word "thermocouple."

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 2, 3, and 6-10.

Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 11-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by King et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0051167). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, this rejection is moot, because claims 11-13 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 11-13 will be included in a divisional application to the present application.

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CONCLUSION :

The other cited art of record has been reviewed, and it is believed that the claims, as amended, patentably distinguish thereof.

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that now pending claims 2, 3, and 6-10 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 619-231-3666.

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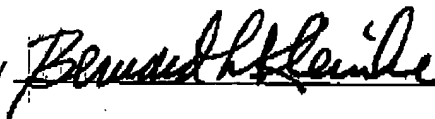
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